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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the— *1st of December 1932.*
16th of Vrischigam 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with the Deputy President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, K. G. Nayar, K. T. Mathew, K. Mohamed Seethi, I. N. Menon, C. A. Ouseph, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and P. I. Varugis were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Expenditure in connection with the visits of Their Excellencies The Naval Commander-in-Chief and the Governor of Madras.

91. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

how much money was spent in connection with the last visits of Their Excellencies the Naval Commander-in-Chief and the Governor of Madras; what are the various items of expenditure and how much money was spent for intoxicants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Final accounts have not been passed. A sum of Rs. 16,651—11—10 has been advanced thus far for meeting the expenses connected with the visit.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the proximate date of the visit of Their Excellencies?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About one year back.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the special reasons for the long delay in passing the final accounts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Accounts had to be collected from several officers and all of them have now been received. They are in the course of consolidation and verification. There is also a transfer to be made to the D. P. W. for works done and it is a matter of book adjustment. That also has to be done before the accounts are finally closed. Payments are almost all over.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it difficult to give the various items of expenditure without closing the accounts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Since accounts are not finally closed a list of those items of expenditure have not been prepared.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know from which budget head this expenditure is met?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—From Political—Entertainment of State Guests.

Lapsed amounts utilised by the D. P. W.

92. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of the works sanctioned in the budget for 1107 but lapsed for non-execution by the D. P. W. and how such amounts were utilised?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—A list is appended. (*Appendix I*). The amounts were, as far as possible, utilised for other works.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why these works were not executed and why these amounts were allowed to lapse?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Does the Hon'ble Member want the reply categorically or only for particular works?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For every work I want an answer.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Reconstructing Karuvannur bridge:—Plans and estimates could not be prepared last year. They were prepared only this year and the estimates were sanctioned and the work also has just begun. An allotment of Rs. 10,000 has been sanctioned this year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the reason for lapse last year?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Evidently we could not prepare the plans and estimates in sufficient time last year.

Second—of opening a road from Koonamuchy to Guruvayur (work given on contract but not actually taken up):—We could not get lands sufficiently early. We have been able to get lands only by the end of last year and the work has been started.

Constructing a road connecting Thottippal and Parappukara:—The work was kept in abeyance because there were petitions protesting against the road.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the land acquired?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No.

Repairs to the Perumpuzha causeway bridge.—By the time estimates were sanctioned there were floods.

Putting up a bund across the Korath river.—We had to get the sanction of the Travancore Government. It was received late.

Improving the cart tract leading from 5/1 of the Chittur Vannamada road to Kunnamkattupathi anicut.—That too had

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